## **Acadia National Park**

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# **Ranger-led Programs** September 2011



### Acadia National Park

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## Emergency-Call 911



#### **Boat Cruises**

Rangers interpret the park from four of the many commercial boats in the area. Make reservations with boat operators. Wear warm clothing and arrive 30 minutes before departure. Ask boat operators about accessibility and details about other cruises they may offer. Enjoy a car-free day—take the bus to the dock!

**Baker Island Cruise C!250** (4.5 hours) Spot seabirds and marine mammals while cruising along Acadia's cliffs and beaches. Explore beautiful Baker Island on a moderate hike to view a lighthouse and spectacular geology. Pack a lunch! Departs: Harbor Place, 1 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$45 adults, \$22 ages 6-14, \$5 ages 5 and under. For reservations on the Miss Samantha call (207) 288-2386.

**Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise** (3 hours) Cruise with a park ranger through Frenchman Bay in search of seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life. Watch real-time video as a diver scours the ocean floor for marine life to bring aboard the boat for hands-on exploration. Departs: College of the Atlantic Dock. Fee: \$45 adults, \$40 seniors, \$35 ages 5-11, \$20 ages under 5. For reservations on the Starfish Enterprise call (800) 979-3370 or international (212) 209-3370.

Frenchman Bay Cruise (2 hours) Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner and sail away in search of wildlife and history. Departs: Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Fee: \$37.50 adults, \$35 seniors, \$27.50 ages 6–11, \$5 ages 2-5, infants free. Group rates for 15+ people. For reservations on the Margaret Todd call (207) 288-4585.

**Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise C!250** (2.5 hours) Discover the enduring connections between people and the sea. Watch for wildlife as you cruise to Little Cranberry Island for a stop at the Islesford Historical Museum, then explore the scenic fjord of Somes Sound. Departs: Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor. Fee: \$28

adults, \$26 seniors, \$18 ages 5-11, \$7 ages under 5, infants free. For reservations on the Sea Princess call (207) 276-5352.



Safety Tips

Be careful out there-protect yourself and the park! Most accidents at Acadia occur while visitors are biking, hiking, exploring the shoreline, and driving. Keep these tips in mind to help ensure a safe visit to the park.

Watch your step and wear sturdy shoes. Carry a map, first aid kit, flashlight, water, and appropriate weather gear on all trips, long or short. Tell someone where you're going and when you'll return.

Yield to pedestrians and horses. Watch for loose gravel on road curves and hills.

Stay away from cliff edges. Watch for wet rocks and loose gravel near cliff edges and shorelines.

Drive safely, wear seat belts, and don't drink and drive. The speed limit is 35 mph in Acadia, unless otherwise posted.

Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs. When in Acadia, all pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet for the protection of your pet, people, and wildlife.

When tidepooling, remember to keep three points of contact with the ground, watch for waves and where you walk–it's slippery by the sea!

Let's Move Outside! Watch for this symbol for active programs in Acadia, encouraging kids and families to enjoy the great outdoors, be active, and stay healthy in our national parks. For more information visit: www.letsmove.gov/letsmoveoutside.php

**C!250** *Celebrate!250* Watch for this symbol for Celebrate!250-related Acadia activities to learn about Mount Desert Island's first permanent settlement!

**☐** Go Green-Bus Trips Watch for this symbol for access to programs via the fare-free Island Explorer shuttle bus. The bus is free, but a park pass is required.

Accessibility Watch for this symbol for accessible interpretive programs. Assistive listening devices (ALDs) are available for use by visitors with limited hearing. For reservations of ALDs, call (207) 288-8832.

September Tide Chart							
		High	Tide	Low	Tide		
Date		AM	PM	AM	PM		
Sept 1	Thur	1:20	1:43	7:31	8:03		
2	Fri	2:13	2:36	8:23	8:59		
3	Sat	3:10	3:32	9:18	9:59		
4	Sun	4:10	4:33	10:17	11:03		
5	Mon	5:16	5:39	11:22			
6	Tues	6:24	6:46	12:10	12:30		
7	Wed	7:30	7:51	1:17	1:36		
8	Thur	8:32	8:51	2:19	2:38		
9	Fri	9:26	9:44	3:14	3:32		
10	Sat	10:14	10:30	4:03	4:21		
11	Sun	10:55	11:12	4:47	5:04		
12	Mon	11:33	11:51	5:26	5:43		
13	Tues		12:09	6:02	6:21		
14	Wed	12:28	12:42	6:36	6:57		
15	Thur	1:03	1:16	7:10	7:33		
16	Fri	1:40	1:51	7:44	8:11		
17	Sat	2:18	2:29	8:21	8:51		
18	Sun	2:58	3:10	9:00	9:35		
19	Mon	3:43	3:57	9:45	10:25		
20	Tues	4:34	4:50	10:36	11:20		
21	Wed	5:30	5:47	11:33			
22	Thur	6:29	6:48	12:18	12:34		
23	Fri	7:28	7:47	1:16	1:34		
24	Sat	8:23	8:44	2:12	2:32		
25	Sun	9:15	9:37	3:04	3:26		
26	Mon	10:04	10:29	3:54	4:18		
27	Tues	10:52	11:19	4:42	5:08		
28	Wed	11:40		5:30	5:59		
29	Thur	12:10	12:29	6:18	6:50		
30	Fri	1:02	1:20	7:08	7:44		

Data courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's national ocean service. Both tide and sunrise/sunset times are for Bar Harbor. Adjustments for other locations or elevations may be necessary.



## **Evening Programs**

There's a lot to experience in the park after dark! During September the park is offering special ranger programs as part of the 3rd Annual Acadia Night Sky Festival. See below for details.

#### **Blackwoods Campground Amphitheater Shows**

(7:30PM, 1 hour; talk) Check campground bulletin boards or the visitor center for a complete listing of times and topics. Parking areas near the amphitheater on Loop A accommodate non-campers. Blackwoods Campground-Route 3 south of Otter Creek.

**Knowing the Night** (2 hours; easy 1-mile walk) Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 8-12. Challenge your senses and experience the mystery and intrigue of the night world. For adults and children 8 and older. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date, either in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or call (207) 288-8832. For the program at SERC make reservations in person at SERC or call (207) 288-1310. Fees waived during the Acadia Night Sky Festival, Sept. 22-26.

Stars Over Sand Beach (45 minutes; talk) Sit back and gaze at Acadia's amazing night sky, listen to stories and science about the stars. Dress warmly and minimize flashlight use to preserve night vision. Meet on Sand Beach-Park Loop Road, south of Entrance Station.



The 3rd Annual Acadia Night Sky Festival is a community celebration to promote the protection and enjoyment of Downeast/Acadia's stellar night sky as a valuable natural resource through education, science, and the arts. For information about other local events pick up a festival brochure or visit: www.AcadiaNightSkyFestival.com

★ Celebration of the Sun 🗐 🕹 (Sept. 24-25, 11AM-2PM, drop in anytime) A variety of family friendly activities will challenge you to see the sun in a whole new way. Weather permitting. Sieur de Monts Nature Centerintersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road south of Bar

**★ Picnic with the Planets** (Sept. 23, 5:30-9PM) Enjoy dinner and a movie with the "stars" of our solar system!-Bar Harbor Village Green, corner of Main Street and Mt. Desert Street.

★ Night Sky Talks at SERC (presentation, talk) Moore Auditorium, Schoodic Education & Research Center (SERC), Schoodic Peninsula.

- Sept. 23, 7-8PM- Stars above, Earth Below, Dr Tyler Nordgren
- Sept. 25, 7-8PM-Protecting Night Skies in National Parks, Chad Moore
- ★ Star Party (Drop in anytime) Rangers, volunteers, and local astronomers will point out a variety of night sky features visible with the naked eye, binoculars, and through telescopes. Dress warmly and please minimize flashlight use to preserve night vision.
- Sept. 23, 8-10PM-Seawall Picnic Area, Route 102A south of Southwest Harbor.
- Sept. 24, 8-10PM–Cadillac Summit parking area, top of Cadillac Mountain. Parking is limited.
- Sept. 25, 8:30-10PM-SERC, Near the Moore Auditorium, Schoodic Peninsula.

**★** Sunrise on Cadillac Summit & Schoodic Point (Sept. 26, 6:23AM) Witness the daily ritual of nighttime starlight giving way to our daytime star, the sun. Dress warmly-Cadillac Summit on Mount Desert Island or Schoodic Point on the Schoodic Peninsula.

September Sunrise & Sunset Chart								
Date		Sunrise	Sunset	Moon				
Sept 1	Thur	5:54	7:11					
4	Sun	5:58	7:06	Quarter				
12	Mon	6:07	6:51	Full				
16	Fri	6:12	6:43					
20	Tues	6:16	6:36	Quarter				
23	Fri	6:20	6:30					
27	Tues	6:24	6:23	New				
30	Fri	6:28	6:17					

## Walks, Talks, & Hikes

Acadia's Birds (3 hours; easy walk and drive) Reservations required. Join a birding caravan to find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating migrants and residents. Bring binoculars and ask about accessibility. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date, either in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling (207) 288-8832.



Animal Tales (30 minutes; talk) Meet some of Acadia's fuzzy, furry, or funny critters through stories and activities designed for

younger visitors and Junior Rangers. Hulls Cove Visitor Center-Route 3 north of Bar Harbor.

**Autumn Ramble** (1.5 hours; easy 1-mile walk) Fall is a time of preparation. Discover what is happening to the forest and its inhabitants during the changing season. Sieur de Monts Nature Center-Intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road south of Bar Harbor.

**Beech Mountain Hike** (3 hours; moderate to strenuous 4-mile hike) Uncover the wilds of the island's west side while hiking through lush forests and steep, rocky outcrops. Beech Mountain parking area-southern end of Beech Hill Road, off Route 102.

Cultural Connections & (Drop in anytime; demonstrations) Come meet a Native American artist and discover cultural and artistic traditions. In case of inclement weather, demonstrations will take place at the downtown Abbe Museum at 26 Mount Desert Street, Bar Harbor. For more information call (207) 288-3519.

- September 7, 11AM-3PM-Passamaquoddy Brown Ash Pounding Demonstration—Butch Jacobs, at Sieur de Monts Spring.
- September 14, 11AM-3PM-Passamaquoddy Birch Bark Canoe Demonstration—David Moses Bridges, on the Jordan Pond House lawn.

**Beavers' World** (1½ hours, easy walk) Reservations required. Join us at dusk to learn about and look for these amazing animal architects. Ask about accessibility. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date, either in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling (207) 288-8832.

Cadillac Summit Talk (30 minutes; talk) Enjoy views from atop the highest point on the eastern seaboard and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area-top of Cadillac Mountain.

Carriage Road Walk C!250 (2 hours; easy 1.5-mile walk) Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges and explore the stories behind John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s gift to Acadia. Parkman Mountain parking area-Route 3/198, north of Northeast Harbor.

**Focus on Acadia** (3 hours; easy walk and drive) Reservations required. Bring your camera-digital or film-and take away valuable tips and techniques that will improve your ability to capture Acadia's unique beauty. May include motor travel to various points in the park. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date, either in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling (207) 288-8832.

Hawk Watch (Drop in anytime, 9-2 daily; talk) Weather permitting, join rangers and volunteers at the perfect vantage point to learn about raptor migration. Assist in counting and identifying birds of prey as they fly by. Cadillac North Ridge Trail-200 easy yards from the Cadillac Summit parking area.

Headland Hike (3 hours; moderate, rocky 2-mile hike) Learn how to read the geologic and cultural story of Acadia's past, written within the park's dramatic landscape. Sand Beach parking area-Park Loop Road, south of Entrance Station.

The Missing Mansion C!250 (1.5 hours; easy 0.5 mile walk) Explore the site of George Dorr's former mansion. Look for clues of his estate while learning about the man who helped create our national park. Compass Harbor parking area-Route 3, one mile south of Bar Harbor. Look for the orange cones. Limited parking available, take Bus #3 from the Village Green.

Ocean Path Walk (2 hours; easy to moderate 2-mile walk) Discover stories of history and nature along this strikingly scenic trail. Gorham Mountain parking area-Park Loop Road south of Thunder Hole.

**Secrets of the Summit C!250** (30 minutes; easy walk) Explore and discover fascinating stories about the park's highest peak. Cadillac South Ridge trailhead-near Cadillac Mountain Summit Center.

**Tidepool School** (2 hours; walk) Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 5–12. You're never too old to explore the shore! Practice tidepool etiquette and shoreline safety while investigating a part of the park only revealed at low tide. For adults and youth 5 and older. Make reservations and pay fees no more than three days before the program date, either in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling (207) 288-8832.

Touch Tank Talk (20 minutes; talk) Learn about tidepool creatures and how to safely visit their homes along the shore. For all ages. College of the Atlantic Natural History Museum-Route 3, north of Bar Harbor.

Wild Things (30-45 minutes; talk and activity) Get ready to get a little wild about some of the amazing things you can find in the park. A

great program for families with aspiring Junior Rangers. Sieur de Monts Nature Center-intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road south of Bar Harbor.

When attending Ranger-led Programs: Contact park staff about accessible facilities, services, and programs. Allow ample time to arrive safely. Parents must accompany all children and are responsible for their safety and behavior. Pets are not allowed on ranger-led programs.

# **Daily Schedule**

Sept. 1-Thursday

AM-9:30 Carriage Road Walk 9:30 Headland Hike

Hawk Watch

Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise

Beech Mountain Hike

Cadillac Summit Talk

1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

2:30 Ocean Path Walk 2:30

Secrets of the Summit Touch Tank Talk

7:30 Blackwoods Show PM-8:30 Stars Over Sand Beach

#### Sept. 2-Friday

Acadia's Birds

Focus on Acadia 8:45 Baker Island Cruise

Hawk Watch

Frenchman Bay Cruise

Islesford Scenic Cruise Cadillac Summit Talk

Ocean Path Walk

Secrets of the Summit

Touch Tank Talk Blackwoods Show

#### Sept. 3-Saturday

Baker Island Cruise 8:45 Hawk Watch

The Missing Mansion 9:30

Islesford Scenic Cruise Frenchman Bay Cruise

1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 2:30 Ocean Path Walk

Secrets of the Summit

2:30 Wild Things

Touch Tank Talk Blackwoods Show

## Sept. 4-Sunday

Acadia's Birds

8:30 Tidepool School

Carriage Road Walk Hawk Watch 9:30 9-2

Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise 10

Beech Mountain Hike

Cadillac Summit Talk 2:30

Ocean Path Walk Secrets of the Summit 2:30

3:30 Animal Tales 7:30 Blackwoods Show

### Sept. 5-Monday

9-2 Hawk Watch

10 Frenchman Bay Cruise

Islesford Scenic Cruise Tidepool School

Cadillac Summit Talk

1:30 The Missing Mansion

2:30 Ocean Path Walk

2:30 Secrets of the Summit

## Sept. 6-Tuesday

8:30

8:45 Baker Island Cruise 9-2 Hawk Watch

9:30

Cadillac Summit Talk Islesford Scenic Cruise Frenchman Bay Cruise

10:30 Secrets of the Summit

2:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Ocean Path Walk Blackwoods Show

Stars Over Sand Beach

Sept. 7-Wednesday

Acadia's Birds Baker Island Cruise 8:45

Hawk Watch

Frenchman Bay Cruise

Islesford Scenic Cruise

**Cultural Connections** 

Secrets of the Summit

Blackwoods Show Beavers' World Varies

## Sept. 8-Thursday

9:30 Carriage Road Walk

Hawk Watch

Beech Mountain Hike

2:30 Ocean Path Walk

Touch Tank Talk Blackwoods Show

8:30 Stars Over Sand Beach

### Sept. 9-Friday

2:30 Secrets of the Summit

7:30 Blackwoods Show

Varies Beavers' World

2:30

2:30

Touch Tank Talk Blackwoods Show 7:30

Varies Beavers' World

#### Sept. 11-Sunday

9:30

9-2

Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise

Beech Mountain Hike

2:30 Ocean Path Walk 2:30 Secrets of the Summit

Animal Tales Blackwoods Show

### Sept. 12-Monday

Cadillac Summit Talk

The Missing Mansion Ocean Path Walk 1:30 2:30

Tidepool School Cadillac Summit Talk 1:30 Ocean Path Walk

#### Touch Tank Talk 7:30

Headland Hike

Islesford Scenic Cruise

Dive-In Theater Cruise

8 Focus on Acadia 15 Baker Island Cruise Hawk Watch

Frenchman Bay Cruise

Islesford Scenic Cruise Cadillac Summit Talk 1:30

Autumn Ramble Ocean Path Walk

Touch Tank Talk

## Varies Knowing the Night

8:45 9-2 Baker Island Cruise Hawk Watch

The Missing Mansion Frenchman Bay Cruise 9:30

Cadillac Summit Talk Ocean Path Walk

2:30 Secrets of the Summit Wild Things Tidepool School

Acadia's Birds Carriage Road Walk Hawk Watch

Cadillac Summit Talk

9-2 Hawk Watch

Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise

2:30 Secrets of the Summit Varies Knowing the Night

## Sept. 13-Tuesday

8:45 Baker Island Cruise

Hawk Watch Cadillac Summit Talk Islesford Scenic Cruise 10

Frenchman Bay Cruise Secrets of the Summit

#### 1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise 2:30 Ocean Path Walk Blackwoods Show Stars Over Sand Beach

Sept. 14-Wednesday

Acadia's Birds Baker Island Cruise

Hawk Watch

Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise

11-3 **Cultural Connections** 1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Ocean Path Walk 2:30 Secrets of the Summit

2:45 Autumn Ramble Touch Tank Talk 7:30 Blackwoods Show

Varies Beavers' World

Sept. 15-Thursday 9:30 Carriage Road Walk

Headland Hike Hawk Watch 9:30

Islesford Scenic Cruise

Beech Mountain Hike Dive-In Theater Cruise

2:30 Ocean Path Walk Touch Tank Talk

#### 7:30 Blackwoods Show Stars Over Sand Beach

Sept. 16-Friday

8 Focus on Acadia 9-2 Hawk Watch Frenchman Bay Cruise

Islesford Scenic Cruise 1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Autumn Ramble Ocean Path Walk 2:30 Secrets of the Summit 2:30 Touch Tank Talk

Varies Beavers' World

### Varies Knowing the Night

7:30

2:30

1:30

2:30

Sept. 17-Saturday 9-2 Hawk Watch 9:30 The Missing Mansion

Blackwoods Show

Frenchman Bay Cruise Cadillac Summit Talk Ocean Path Walk Secrets of the Summit

Wild Things Touch Tank Talk 7:30 Blackwoods Show Varies Beavers' World

Sept. 18-Sunday Acadia's Birds Carriage Road Walk Headland Hike 9:30

Hawk Watch Islesford Scenic Cruise Beech Mountain Hike 1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk Ocean Path Walk

2:30 Secrets of the Summit Animal Tales 7:30 Blackwoods Show

Sept. 19-Monday 8:30 Tidepool School

Hawk Watch Frenchman Bay Cruise

Islesford Scenic Cruise

Cadillac Summit Talk The Missing Mansion Ocean Path Walk 1:30 Secrets of the Summit

Sept. 20-Tuesday 9-2 Hawk Watch

Tidepool School 9:30 Cadillac Summit Talk Frenchman Bay Cruise

Secrets of the Summit

Dive-In Theater Cruise

Ocean Path Walk Blackwoods Show

10:30

1:30

Stars Over Sand Beach

Sept. 21–Wednesday

Acadia's Birds Hawk Watch

Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise

Tidepool School Cadillac Summit Talk

Ocean Path Walk Secrets of the Summit

2:45 Autumn Ramble Touch Tank Talk 7:30

Blackwoods Show Beavers' World Varies

Sept. 22-Thursday

Carriage Road Walk Headland Hike 9:30

Hawk Watch Islesford Scenic Cruise

Beech Mountain Hike Dive-In Theater Cruise

Touch Tank Talk

Stars Over Sand Beach \* Sept. 23-Friday

1:30

5:30-9

8-10

Varies

Focus on Acadia Hawk Watch 8 Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise

Cadillac Summit Talk Autumn Ramble Ocean Path Walk 2:30 Secrets of the Summit 2:30 Touch Tank Talk

Picnic with the Planets ★
Night Sky Talk at SERC ★ 7-8 8-10 Star Party at Seawall★ Varies Knowing the Night★

Sept. 24-Saturday

9-2 Hawk Watch The Missing Mansion Frenchman Bay Cruise 9:30 Tidepool School

Cadillac Summit Talk Ocean Path Walk 1:30 2:30 2:30 Secrets of the Summit 2:30 Wild Things

Touch Tank Talk

Celebration of the Sun★

Sept. 25-Sunday

3:30

Acadia's Birds Carriage Road Walk

9-2 Hawk Watch Islesford Scenic Cruise Celebration of the Sun Cadillac Summit Talk 10

1:30 Ocean Path Walk Secrets of the Summit

Animal Tales

Night Sky Talk at SERC★ Star Party at SERC★ 8-10

Sept. 26-Monday 6:23

Sunrise-Cadillac Summit★ Sunrise-Schoodic Point★ Hawk Watch 6:23

Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise

Cadillac Summit Talk 1:30 The Missing Mansion

Ocean Path Walk Secrets of the Summit 2:30

Varies Knowing the Night★

Sept. 27–Tuesday

9-2 Hawk Watch Cadillac Summit Talk

Frenchman Bay Cruise Secrets of the Summit

Dive-In Theater Cruise 2:30 Ocean Path Walk

Sept. 28-Wednesday Acadia's Birds

Cadillac Summit Talk

Hawk Watch Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise 10

Ocean Path Walk 2:30 Secrets of the Summit 2:45 Autumn Ramble

Varies Beavers' World

Sept. 29-Thursday 9:30 Carriage Road Walk 9:30 Headland Hike

1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

9-2 Hawk Watch Islesford Scenic Cruise 1:30 Beech Mountain Hike

# 30 Ocean Path Walk3 Touch Tank Talk

2:30

Sept. 30-Friday 8 Focus on Acadia -2 Hawk Watch

Frenchman Bay Cruise Islesford Scenic Cruise Cadillac Summit Talk Autumn Ramble

Ocean Path Walk Secrets of the Summit Touch Tank Talk 2:30 Varies Beavers' World Varies Knowing the Night

Sky Festival events. See the other side of this brochure for

details about these programs.

★ 3rd Annual Acadia Night

Star Party on Cadillac ★
Knowing the Night at SERC ★